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# PURSH'S REPORT OF DRYAS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

# M. L. FERNALD.

In his *Flora Americae Septentrionālis* Pursh described in 1814 *Dryas tenella* from "the white hills of New Hampshire. *Prof Peck.* .... July. v. s. in *Herb. Banks*"<sup>1</sup>; and since that time American botanists have sought in vain for the plant and have wished in vain to know Peck's station in the "White Hills."

Pursh's description clearly places his plant with the earlier *Dryas integrifolia*, Vahl, of Greenland, and under this name it was taken up by Dr. Gray in five editions of his Manual, though, for some unaccountable reason, in the sixth edition Watson and Coulter altered the name and description to *D. octopetala*.

Three species of Dryas are generally recognized in high northern regions, all of them occurring in North America. D. octopetala, L., the only species of Europe, reappears in the mountains and on the coast of northwestern America, but is thus far unknown east of the Rocky Mountains. D. integrifolia, Vahl, with entire or subentire leaves and white petals, is definitely known from Greenland across Arctic America to Behring Straits, and south in the East to Newfoundland and Anticosti Island, Quebec. D. Drummondii, Richardson, the largest and handsomest of the genus, with coarsely toothed leaves and yellow petals, grows on sandy and gravelly shores in the northern Rocky Mountains, on Anticosti Island, and by the rivers of Gaspé County, Quebec.

According to Pursh's statement the original material of his *Dryas* tenella was collected by Prof. Peck <sup>2</sup> "on the white hills of New

<sup>1</sup> Pursh, Fl. 350.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> William Dandridge Peck, Massachusetts Professor of Natural History, Harvard College, 1805–1822.

Hampshire," and was in the herbarium of Sir Joseph Banks. During the past summer, therefore, the writer was interested to examine the material of Dryas in the Banksian Herbarium at the British Museum of Natural History. No material from Peck was found, and the only sheet clearly belonging in the original Banksian Herbarium was marked *Dryas tenella*, Pursh. This sheet contains three specimens, with the data indicated on the back of the sheet, two of the specimens collected before the publication of Pursh's species, the other a comparatively modern one from Labrador. The two older collections are from "1. Newfoundland, Inglie Island in the mouth of the harbour J. B[anks]," 1 and "2. Labrador, D. Nelson 1781."

Although there is the barest possibility that a Peck specimen may have once existed and is now lost, the fact that for nearly a century so conspicuous a plant as *Dryas integrifolia* has been sought in vain by the botanical explorers who have scoured the "White Hills" of New Hampshire, has long since thrown doubt upon the accuracy of Pursh's original data. Furthermore, since Pursh cited a specimen in the Banksian Herbarium and since there is in that Herbarium a plant which well agrees with the description of *D. tenella* and is so labeled, it seems still more probable that Pursh was in error in citing the plant from New Hampshire. As a result of examination of the data now at hand the following suggestion is offered as possibly explaining the source of error.

A detailed study of the charts of the United States Hydrographic Survey shows only one island on the Newfoundland coast which could have been intended by Banks as "Inglie" Island. This is Englée or Grévigneux,<sup>2</sup> a steeply scarped island hardly a mile in length, with its nine naked summits nearly hiding the entrance to Bide Arm, the northernmost fjord of Canada Bay. Directly west from Grévigneux (Englée) there rise from the shore of Canada Bay the Cloud Hills, 1195 feet high, an eastern lobe of the Long Range, which forms the backbone of western and northern Newfoundland and northward is generally referred to indefinitely as the White Hills; though in its most restricted sense the name White Hills is confined to the northernmost extension of the Long Range about Hare Bay, twenty-five miles north of Grévigneux (Englée) Island.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collected during the "voyage to Newfoundland and Labrador commencing April ye 7th and ending November ye 17th, 1766."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See U. S. Hydrographic Survey Chart no. 794.

During the preparation of his Flora Pursh was associated with Banks,1 who would naturally tell him of that portion of North America (Newfoundland and Labrador) which he, Banks, had explored but which Pursh had never seen. It is most probable that the White Hills were mentioned by Banks who had collected the Dryas on a rugged island off shore from some of the principal peaks of that range, and that Pursh, to whom Newfoundland was an unfamiliar region, confused the Newfoundland mountains with the "White Hills of New Hampshire," whose alpine plants were familiar to him through the collections of Peck.<sup>2</sup> This very natural error is rendered more probable by the fact that the data accompanying the Banksian plant is on the reverse side of the large herbarium-sheet and is not apparent to the hasty observer. And Pursh must have made hasty observations and notes; for the tremendous work of actually preparing his Flora was accomplished with almost unprecedented speed, in less than two years, during which time he not only organized his own material and notes secured during twelve years in America and examined among others the herbaria of Banks, Lambert, Clayton, Pallas, Plukenet, Catesby, Morison, Walter, and Sherard, but was constantly handicapped by the restless spirit which controlled his entire life.3

In view, then, of the evidence derived from the Banksian Herbarium there is little question that the original *Dryas tenella* came from an island close under the White Hills of northern Newfoundland, and that Pursh was in error in crediting it to New Hampshire. Should the plant be found hereafter on our own "White Hills" it may be safely considered a new discovery.

### GRAY HERBARIUM.

1"Sir Joseph Banks, with his accustomed liberality, supported my undertaking by giving me access to his extensive library and herbarium."— Pursh, l. c. xvi.

<sup>2</sup> "During my journey [from Wiscasset] towards New York, I had an opportunity of visiting Professor Peck of Cambridge College near Boston, and seeing his highly interesting collection of plants, collected on a tour to the alpine regions of the White Hills of New Hampshire. As the season was too far advanced when I was in that country to suffer me to think of ascending those mountains, this collection was highly gratifying to me."—Pursh, l. c. xv.

3"The whole study must have been rapid. The despatch is wonderful. One can hardly understand the ground of the statement made by Lambert to my former colleague, Dr. Torrey, that he was obliged to shut Pursh up in his house in order to keep him at his work."—Gray, Am. Jour. Sci. 3, xxiv, 325.

# LOBELIA × SYPHILITICO-CARDINALIS.

OAKES AMES.

(Plate 49.)

Lobelia × syphilitico-cardinalis was raised by means of artificial pollination many years ago. It has also been reported to occur as a natural hybrid where the parent species are associated. The plants referred to in this brief note were obtained from seeds by Mr. Robert G. Leavitt, who pollinated flowers of L. syphilitica, L., with pollen of L. cardinalis, L., in the late summer of 1901. During the following year flowers were produced by several of the hybrids and in August, 1903, nearly all of them came into bloom. The variation in flower color was well marked, and for the most part the color values were intermediate.1 In several cases, however, the corollas showed not the faintest trace of blue, although their structural features were midway between the parent species. One plant had corollas with a white ground, suffused, minutely mottled, and sparingly spotted with pink. Sixteen plants gave rise to flowers of a rich shade of magenta-crimson, which exhibited an almost perfect mingling of the blue-violet of L. syphilitica and of the deep red of the pollen parent. Three had flowers of a peculiar red tone much like that of L. cardinalis.

In their structural details the hybrid plants were exactly intermediate. Beginning with the calyx a beautiful intermediary series was apparent in the formation of the tube and its auricles, in the relative length of the lobes, and in the length and density of the hairs. In all the plants which bloomed there was but slight variation in the essential characters indicative of the hybrid origin of this organ. The corollas, on the other hand, were more conspicuously intermediate, and owing to the vast dissimilarity between the parents this part of the flower offered unusual opportunities for a study of mingled parental traits. The corolla-tube of *L. cardinalis* is slender near the summit and broadest near the base, while just the reverse is true of *L. syphilitica*. In the hybrids, without exception, a tube approximately equal in diameter from base to top was a conspicuous mean. The corolla-lobes were as remarkable in outline, direction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term intermediate is used here to signify a mean between the parents.

and measurement. The lower lip showed plainly the influence of *L. cardinalis* on the form and width of the middle lobe and the tendency of *L. syphilitica* to shorten it. In the specimens studied the middle lobe of *L. cardinalis* measured 4.5 mm. in width by 19 mm. in length, of *L. syphilitica* 4 mm., by 12 mm., of the hybrid 4 mm. by 15 mm. Of the upper lip the lobes were not so divergent as in *L. cardinalis*, nor so convergent as in *L. syphilitica*, an interesting point to note, as it shows how far reaching are the effects of hybridization.

The occurrence of scattered hairs on the corolla of the hybrid was of course attributable to *L. syphilitica*, which has conspicuous hairs on the mid-veins of its corolla-lobes. The corolla of *L. cardinalis* is glabrous, and it is undoubtedly the tendency of this species toward glabrity which brought about the decided reduction in the number and length of the hairs in the hybrid. The usual effect of hybridization, when one parent is glabrous, is to reduce trichome structures in length and number, a tendency well illustrated by the case in hand and by *Spiranthes* × *intermedia* described by the writer in Rhodora, v. 261.

The texture, form and green of the leaves in  $Lobelia \times syphilitico-cardinalis$  proved to be intermediate in all the plants examined; the surface, scabrous to the touch, indicated clearly the influence of L. syphilitica and at the point of origin from the stem the leaf-bases were midway in their resemblance to the parent species. Although in outline the leaves of L. syphilitica and L. cardinalis are quite unlike, it was not apparent at a casual glance just how the hybrid leaf resembled its parents. In the accompanying plate three leaves are shown which were selected at random. The one taken from L. cardinalis tapers gradually from the base upwards, while that of L. syphilitica is broadest above the middle, and conspicuously narrowed downwards. The hybrid leaf is broadest just above the middle and tapers both ways.

In *L. cardinalis* the style closely invested by its connate stamens ultimately projects beyond the corolla-tube by about half its length, in *L. syphilitica* on the contrary, the style projects but slightly beyond the mouth of the corolla-tube. The hybrid, however, was quite intermediate in this respect as the style exceeded the corolla-tube, at maturity, by less than half its length.

None of the hybrids produced seeds naturally in the garden where

they were grown, nor did fertilization follow when pollen was transferred to the stigmas by hand, although both L. syphilitica and L. cardinalis, near by, had well developed pods of fertile seeds.

The reverse cross of the hybrid was not obtained by Mr. Leavitt, but according to Carl Friedrich v. Gärtner in his "Versuche und Beobachtungen über die Bastarderzeugung im Pflanzenreich," page 223, it is not distinguishable from Lobelia × syphilitico-cardinalis. Often when species much given to variation are crossed, the hybrid progeny is apt to present many puzzling combinations of the parental traits. This frequently gives origin to the belief that certain peculiarities may be accounted for by the rôle played by the parent species according as one or the other happens to be male or female. However, some species may bring about extensive variations in hybrid forms no matter what part they have taken in fertilization and these variations will occur whether the species in question is used as a seed- or a pollen-parent. Of course it has been stated by hybridists, whose testimony cannot be doubted, that differences which show maternal and paternal influences in an unmistakable way, do occur in reciprocal crosses. But it has been the writer's experience that the variation in the progeny of reciprocal crosses, especially when distinct species are used, is not necessarily the result of the disposition of the parents as male and female, but the consequence of individual traits which are apt to appear in similar combinations no matter which of the parents bears the seed or furnishes the pollen.

The accompanying plate was carefully prepared from the first hybrid which bloomed, a plant with magenta-crimson flowers. For the sake of contrast the hybrid was placed in the centre of the plate with *L. cardinalis* on the left and *L. syphilitica* on the right.

AMES BOTANICAL LABORATORY, North Easton, Massachusetts.

Woodsia Glabella in Maine.— On the 1st of September, 1903, I collected a few specimens of *Woodsia glabella*, R. Br., in Township No. 1, East of the Kennebec, Fifth Range of Bingham's Purchase. The specimens were well fruited but not very abundant. This rare and interesting species appears to have been hitherto unrecorded for Maine.— J. Franklin Collins, Providence, Rhode Island.

# RECORDS OF WOLFFIA COLUMBIANA IN MASSACHUSETTS.

### B. L. ROBINSON.

In his valuable paper upon the Lemnaceae of America Mr. C. H. Thompson states that he has examined specimens of Wolffia columbiana, Karst. from "Massachusetts, Robbins, 1870." There seems to be good reason to doubt the accuracy of this record, and as at least one manual of our flora has already extended the range of the species in question, apparently on the basis of Mr. Thompson's revision, it is worth while to inquire whether the Massachusetts record is not founded merely on a clerical error.

It is true that Dr. J. W. Robbins did collect Wolffia columbiana on three occasions, namely in 1829, 1867, and 1870, but in all these instances he obtained his material from Connecticut. The earliest collection is represented in the Gray Herbarium and bears Dr. Robbins's quaint and formal Latin label, which reads: PLANTAE NOVAE ANGLIAE ROBBINSIANAE. Wolffia n. sp. Legit Sept. 1829 e lacuscule prope pagum New Milford, Con., cum tribus Lemnae speciebus, J. W. Robbins, M. D., Uxbridge, Mass." On the same sheet is a second collection by Robbins from Salisbury, Connecticut, the label bearing in Dr. Gray's hand the following amplification of the locality: "N. Canaan depot. In a large pool, a few rods (20-60) west of the bridge over the Housatonic, on the S. side of the road leading to Plumb's Pond - say a mile from the depot." These specimens were borrowed and examined by Mr. Thompson during his work on the Lemnaceae and on the sheet he has noted his identification of the specimens as W. columbiana. It will be noted that Mr. Thompson has cited in his monograph no specimens of this species from Connecticut, and that the date which he assigns to Robbins's collection was 1870. Inferring that he might have seen specimens of Robbins's collecting in some other herbarium also, I have written to Professor William Trelease, Professor N. L. Britton, and Dr. J. N. Rose, to learn if such specimens were to be found in the herbaria of the Missouri Botanical Garden, the New York Botanical Garden, or the National Museum respectively. None was found at St. Louis or at Washington, but in the Torrey Herbarium at New York, Dr. Britton found, and very kindly forwarded to me in part, some specimens collected by Robbins at Dutcher's Bridge Salisbury, Connecticut, 13 August, 1870.

From the facts here presented, it must be inferred that in recording the stations for *Wolffia columbiana*, Mr. Thompson made that very natural clerical error of copying not the locality where Robbins obtained the plant but the personal address, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, which according to a practice once common and always likely to mislead, Robbins had had printed upon his labels. Connecticut is therefore the only New England state from which *Wolffia columbiana* has been secured with certainty. However, the northernmost station in Connecticut is so near the Massachusetts boundary that there is a considerable probability that the species extends over the line.

It seems a pity that Dr. Robbins, who not only discovered this our smallest New England flowering plant but had the rare discrimination to recognize its novelty and correct generic affinity, should never have recorded in print his observations concerning it. More than thirty-five years passed after the original discovery by Robbins before the species was characterized and named by Karsten in Germany upon the basis of type material from Colombia in South America.

GRAV HERBARIUM.

Matricaria discoidea in New Hampshire.—While collecting New Hampshire plants with a party of botanists on June 14, 1903, I found by the roadside near the shore at Wallis' Sands in the town of Rye, a small colony of the Pine Apple Weed (Matricaria discoidea, DC.). The plants were of good size, but not many in number. At some distance, however, another much larger colony of smaller plants was found. From the observations I have made in Maine regarding the habits of this plant, I consider that in a very few years it will be abundant in this part of Rye. Mr. A. A. Eaton writes me that this Matricaria, so far as he knows, is not established in New Hampshire; and it does not appear in the Manchester List. It may be well, therefore, to record this station for a weed which has a most redeeming quality in its pleasant odor.— Edward L. Rand, Boston.

NEW STATIONS FOR MAINE PLANTS.—In July, 1903, a few plants of a peculiar *Hieracium* were collected by the writer near Skowhegan, Maine, under the impression that they were *H. praealtum*, L. Specimens have since been determined at the Gray Herbarium as *Hieracium floribundum*, Wimm. & Grab. This species has previously been collected by Dr. Kennedy at Cutler, Me., (Rhodora, IV, 25.) and at St. John and Bathurst, N. B., by Mr. Williams and Mr. Fernald.

Later in the summer the writer and Mr. C. H. Knowlton found several specimens of *Polygonum exsertum*, Small, growing at the edge of salt marshes at Pine Point, Scarboro, Me., a station intermediate between that of Mr. Bicknell at York, Me., and that of Messrs. Williams and Fernald at Bathurst, N. B.

Scirpus rubrotinctus confertus, Fernald, is in my herbarium from Cumberland and Farmington, Me., localities which extend the range in both directions from the station at Greene, Me., mentioned by Mr. Fernald (Rhodora, II, 21.) in his description of the variety.— EDWARD B. CHAMBERLAIN, Washington, D. C.

The Genus Trisetum in Andover, Massachusetts.— On June 8, 1903, while collecting in a boggy meadow in Andover, Massachusetts, in which were growing Salix myrtilloides, Poterium Canadense, Carex exilis, and other plants of interest, I noticed a strange grass and gathered a few specimens of it. These were later identified for me at the Gray Herbarium as Trisetum palustre, Torr. This seems to be an unusually northern station for this species which is said by the Sixth Edition of Gray's Manual to grow from southern New York to Illinois and southward. I have seen specimens from Norwood, Massachusetts, and that vicinity; but it is possible that Andover is at present its northern known limit.

On September 19, of this same year, I visited the rocky banks of the Merrimac River in the northwestern part of Andover. Here grow many species not abundant in this section of the State (e. g. Acer Pennsylvanicum, Kalmia latifolia, Campanula rotundifolia), and here, in the clefts of steep ledges, I found the other of the two species of Trisetum mentioned in Gray's Manual — Trisetum subspicatum, Beauv., var. molle, Gray. On account of the lateness of the season the plants were in poor shape for collecting but were still perfectly recognizable. This species the Manual describes as found from

northern New England to Lake Superior and northward, but Britton takes it south in the mountains to North Carolina. Its occurrence in the eastern part of Massachusetts is interesting, and even more remarkable is the coincidence in one town of only moderate elevation of these two species of one genus, one of an essentially northern and mountainous range, the other perhaps reaching here its northern limit.— Arthur Stanley Pease, Andover, Massachusetts.

LYCOPODIUM SELAGO ON MT. HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS.— As a new station for a rare plant is always of interest to botanists, it may be worth while to record in Rhodora the occurrence of Lycopodium Selago at a second station in Massachusetts. I say second although I am aware that it has been reported both at Greylock and on Mt. Watatic. Its occurrence in the latter place, however, I consider extremely doubtful since the only direct reference to its being there is found in a flora gotten up by high school students who, I am informed by persons who happened to know something of their methods, were not in every case sufficiently careful. Furthermore, I am unable to locate specimens coming from Mt. Watatic.

The new location which I mention is the extreme summit of Mt. Holyoke, just west of the "Notch," where the Lycopodium was found growing at an elevation of about 960 feet on the north side of cliffs. There was only one limited station and the plants were few in number.

A search of the neighboring peaks failed to show more of this species. Specimens from the Mt. Holyoke station may be found in the Gray Herbarium and in the herbarium of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.— George F. Freeman, Asst. Prof. of Botany, Mass. Agr. College, Amherst.

Cuscuta trifolia in Massachusetts.— Some time ago complaint was received at the Hatch Experiment Station from a farmer living in Winchester, Massachusetts, that a large field of red clover (*Trifolium pratense*, L.) had been greatly damaged by dodder. He claimed the dodder was so thickly established that raking the cut clover was practically impossible. Later a large bundle of the infested crop was sent to the Station. The dodder had so completely intertwined

itself around and between the stems of the clover, that not a single one could be separated from the others without breaking several of the parasitic filaments.

Specimens of the dodder were sent to Mr. F. H. Hillman, Assistant Botanist, Seed Laboratory, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, who identified them as *Cuscuta trifolia*, Babgt. Mr. Hillman claims that this is distinctly different from *Cuscuta Epithymum*, Murr. This being true, we have to report a new species of *Cuscuta* from Massachusetts. But even if *C. trifolia* and *C. Epithymum* are conceded to be identical, we are unable to learn that a *Cuscuta* under the latter specific name has been reported from this State.

Later the same species was reported from Spencer, Massachusetts, where it had done much damage to a field of clover.—A. VINCENT OSMUN, Amherst, Massachusetts.

A NEW STATION FOR PHASEOLUS PERENNIS.— A station discovered by the writer Aug. 18, 1903, carries the known range of *Phaseolus perennis* about twenty-five miles northeasterly from the station noted by Mr. Bissell (Rhodora iv:13) to a point near the Housatonic River in the town of Huntington. Mr. Bissell's description of the Norwalk station would apply almost word for word to this one, except that the marsh near the border of which it is located is hardly even brackish.— E. B. Harger, Oxford, Connecticut.

CORALLORHIZA INNATA AND TARAXACUM ERYTHROSPERMUM IN RHODE ISLAND.— Three species of *Corallorhiza* have been definitely recorded, in print, from New England. Two of these, *C. odontorhiza*, Nutt., and *C. multiflora*, Nutt., have been reported from all six of the states and the third, *C. innata*, R. Br., from all except Rhode Island. Mr. E. F. Williams mentions I having seen specimens of all three species from all the states recorded above with the exception of *C. odontorhiza* from New Hampshire. It is a pleasure to be able to report the finding of *C. innata* in Rhode Island. I collected several specimens of it in good flower on the 10th of May, 1903, in a swamp in North Smithfield.

On the same date and within half a mile of the same station

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> RHODORA, 4:18 (1902).

(and likewise in North Smithfield) I collected several specimens of *Taraxacum erythrospermum*, Andrz., growing in the sandy roadside. Messrs. R. L. Bowen and N. O. Howard, who were with me at the time, also took specimens. I believe this plant has never been reported from Rhode Island, although it was collected by Messrs. E. B. Chamberlain, E. E. Whipple and the writer in Lincoln, on the 15th of June, 1901. At the latter station it was growing in the crevices of a dry ledge.— J. Franklin Collins, Providence, R. I.

[May 12, 1896, Miss E. L. Shaw found *Corallorhiza innata* on Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island. A detailed and characteristic drawing of the plant was preserved by Miss Shaw.—Ed.]

# ERRATA.

Page 11, line 12; for ARTICUM read ARCTICUM.

- " 11, " 14; " LEPTODERUM read LEPTODERMUM.
- " 14, " 41; " Euteromorpha read Enteromorpha.
- " 33, " 23; " Conioselium read Conioselinum.
- " 45, " 31; " augustifolia read angustifolia.
- " 51, " 34; " Temnomia read Temnoma.
- " 71, " 22; " angusti, folia read angustifolia.
- " 97, " 9, page 100, line 34, and page 101, line 32, for Simonsii read Simsoni.
- " 120, line 38; for 1902 read 1903.
- " 126, " 29; " district read distinct.
- " 165, " 25; " Lavalle read Laval.
- " 176, " 11; " campanalate read campanulate.
- " 176, " 21; " Ravenellii read Ravenelii.
- " 203, " 40; " nititans read nictitans.
- " 224, " 9; " minor read minus.
- " 230, " 6; " augustifolius read angustifolius.
- " 230, " 6; " Turritus read Turritis.
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- " 240, lines 33 and 35; for phlange read flange.
- " 255, line 13; for Calocylindricus read Calocylindrus.
- " 264, " 28; for segegates read segregates.
- " 279, " 31; and 280, line 28; for Tuckermanni read Tuckermani.

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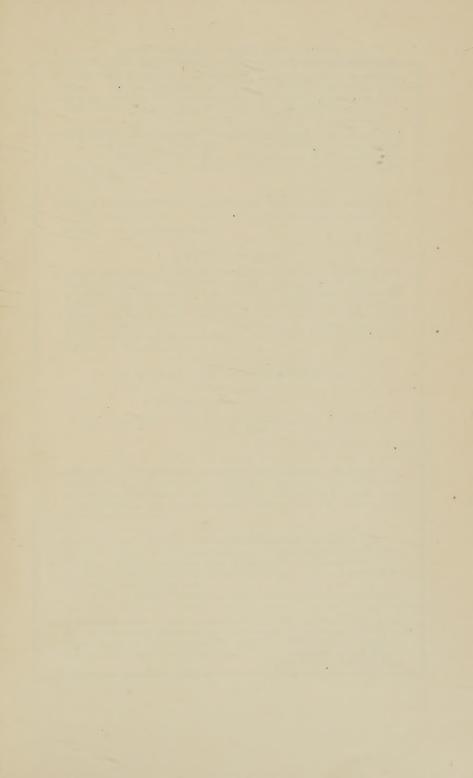
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